

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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C00187450

Reference:

12 Day Pre-Special General Report (1/1/01-5/30/01)

Dear Mr. Holliday:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

On Schedule H1 of your report, you have used an incorrect method of allocation of shared administrative expenses and voter drive costs. State party committees are required to allocate these expenditures according to the ballot composition ratio. 11 CFR §106.5(d). The federal portion of administrative and generic voter drive expenses is calculated by checking all of the offices that appear on the general election ballot, and dividing the points for federal office by the total points for all offices. Please amend your report to include a correct H1 utilizing the ballot composition method and note that a change in the federal and non-federal ratios may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments they may have made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Your committee has filed a report that contains one Schedule H1. In states that hold federal and non-federal elections in different years, committees must complete an additional Schedule H1 to calculate the allocation ratio for generic voter drive costs. See 11 CFR §106.5(d)(2). Please amend your report by providing an additional Schedule H1.

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-On Schedule H3 supporting Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page, Lines i), ii)e), and iii)e) for the transfer-in from the RPL-Non-Federal account (page 56/123) do not add up to the 4/16/01 Total Amount Transferred in of \$2,900. Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy. 11 CFR §104.10

-On Schedule H3 supporting Line 18 of the Detailed Summary Page, Lines i), ii)e), and iii)e) for the transfer-in from the RPL-Non-Federal account (page 57/123) do not add up to the 4/16/01 Total Amount Transferred in of \$2,900. Please amend your report to correct this discrepancy. 11 CFR §104.10

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$75,070 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$72,093.17 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited

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activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission that the reports you have filed during the current election cycle do not reflect the appropriate coverage dates for quarterly filing status. Please be advised of the filing dates and coverage periods for the 2001-2002 election cycle and fill in the appropriate dates on Line 5 of the Summary Page.

Report Type	Coverage Dates	Due Date
Mid-Year Year End April Quarterly July Quarterly October Quarterly 12 Day Pre-General 30 Day Post-General Year End	1/1/01-6/30/01 7/1/01-12/31/01 1/1/02-3/31/02 4/1/02-6/30/02 7/1/02-9/30/02 10/1/02-10/16/02 10/17/02-11/25/02 11/26/02-12/31/02	July 31, 2001 January 31, 2002 April 15, 2002 July 15, 2002 October 15,2002 October 24, 2002 December 5, 2002 January 31, 2003

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Ryan

Reports Analyst

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